# Partners In Prayer

**Ukiah Bible Church | November 2026**

Our desire is to cultivate meaningful partnerships in the ministry of prayer within our church family. The purpose of this ministry is to unite our congregation around the throne of God each week, focusing together on a shared theme of prayer.

Each partnership determines its own time, location, or method of connecting. What matters most is not the format—but the shared pursuit of God in prayer.

One of the most effective ways to pray is to use Scripture as the foundation of your conversation with God. When you do this, the Spirit of God uses His Word to shape your thinking, align your desires, and guide your prayers according to His will.

For this reason, each weekly theme is paired with specific Scriptures. As you read these passages before praying—and take a moment to consider their context—you will find that God's Word begins to supply both the language and direction of your prayers. In this way, your prayers become more than requests—they become aligned with the very heart of God.

As James 5:16 reminds us: "...The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much." Let's not settle for talking about prayer—let's step into it together.

Our theme this month is Cultivating Hearts of Thanksgiving. As we reflect on God's character, salvation, faithful care, and the family of believers, pray that gratitude would become a settled disposition of our hearts.

## Week of November 2 — Thanksgiving for Who God Is

Our greatest reason for thanksgiving is not what God has given us, but who He is.

**1. Praise God for His goodness and steadfast love.**

Thank Him that His goodness does not depend on our circumstances. Pray that our church family would recognize His lovingkindness even in difficult seasons.

*Scripture: Psalm 100:4–5 — "For the LORD is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting."*

**Prayer anchor:** God's goodness is the foundation of our gratitude.

**2. Thank God for His mercy, compassion, and patience.**

Praise Him for being slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness. Pray that His mercy would produce humility and grace toward others.

*Scripture: Exodus 34:6–7 — "compassionate and gracious, slow to anger"*

**Prayer anchor:** We give thanks for mercy we could never earn.

**3. Praise God for His unchanging character.**

Pray that those facing uncertainty, loss, or disappointment would find confidence in the God who never changes.

*Scripture: James 1:17; Malachi 3:6 — "with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow"*

**Prayer anchor:** Our circumstances change; our God does not.

**4. Pray that knowing God would deepen our worship.**

Ask the Lord to move us beyond knowing facts about Him to delighting in His character in our worship, conversations, and decisions.

*Scripture: Psalm 145:1–3 — "Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised"*

**Prayer anchor:** Knowing God more deeply leads us to praise Him more fully.

## Week of November 9 — Thanksgiving for Our Salvation in Christ

No earthly blessing compares with the riches of God's grace in Christ.

**1. Thank God for His love toward sinners.**

Praise Him that salvation comes from His grace, not our merit. Pray that the gospel would never become ordinary to us.

*Scripture: Romans 5:6–8; Ephesians 2:8–9 — "while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us"*

**Prayer anchor:** Grace gives us reason to marvel, not boast.

**2. Praise God for forgiveness through Christ.**

Thank Him for the sufficient sacrifice of Jesus. Pray for believers burdened by guilt to rest in His finished work.

*Scripture: Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 10:12–14 — "In Him we have redemption through His blood"*

**Prayer anchor:** Our forgiveness rests on Christ's sacrifice.

**3. Thank God for bringing us into His family.**

Praise Him for reconciliation and adoption. Pray that our identity as His children would shape our security and relationships.

*Scripture: Romans 8:15–17; Colossians 1:12–14 — "you have received a spirit of adoption as sons"*

**Prayer anchor:** We belong to the Father by His grace.

**4. Pray that gratitude would lead us to share the gospel.**

Ask God for compassion and opportunities to speak of Christ to neighbors and friends in the Ukiah Valley.

*Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:18–20 — "the ministry of reconciliation"*

**Prayer anchor:** Those reconciled to God can tell others of His grace.

## Week of November 16 — Thanksgiving for God's Faithful Care

His care is seen both in His gifts and in the grace that sustains us through hardship.

**1. Thank God for His daily provision.**

Praise Him for ordinary blessings: food, shelter, work, relationships, and daily strength. Pray for contentment instead of anxiety.

*Scripture: Matthew 6:25–33; James 1:17 — "your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things"*

**Prayer anchor:** Every good provision points us to our Father.

**2. Praise God for His faithfulness in suffering.**

Pray for those experiencing illness, grief, financial difficulty, or emotional pain to know His sustaining grace.

*Scripture: Lamentations 3:21–23; 2 Corinthians 12:9 — "His compassions never fail. They are new every morning"*

**Prayer anchor:** God's mercy remains present in our hardest days.

**3. Thank God for His sovereignty over our circumstances.**

Ask for trust in His wisdom when we cannot understand His purposes, and for hearts willing to follow His Word.

*Scripture: Romans 8:28–29; Proverbs 3:5–6 — "God causes all things to work together for good"*

**Prayer anchor:** Our hope rests in His purposes, not our explanations.

**4. Pray for thanksgiving amid uncertainty.**

Bring anxieties before the Lord with thanksgiving, remembering His faithfulness and trusting Him for tomorrow.

*Scripture: Philippians 4:6–7 — "by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving"*

**Prayer anchor:** Thanksgiving accompanies trust, even before answers come.

## Week of November 23 — Thanksgiving for the Family of God

God blesses His people through the care, encouragement, and ministry of one another.

**1. Thank God for our church family.**

Praise Him for the people gathered at Ukiah Bible Church. Pray that gratitude would deepen fellowship and unity.

*Scripture: Philippians 1:3–6 — "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you"*

**Prayer anchor:** The people of God are a gift to cherish.

**2. Thank God for those who serve faithfully.**

Pray for elders, deacons, teachers, volunteers, and unseen servants to be strengthened and encouraged.

*Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 1:2–3; Hebrews 6:10 — "God is not unjust so as to forget your work"*

**Prayer anchor:** We thank God for the faithful service of others.

**3. Thank God for the privilege of caring for one another.**

Pray that Life Groups and prayer partnerships would cultivate genuine heart connections, encouragement, and practical care.

*Scripture: Galatians 6:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:11 — "Bear one another's burdens"*

**Prayer anchor:** Gratitude moves us toward one another in love.

**4. Pray that gratitude would strengthen our unity.**

Ask God to replace criticism and complaining with patience, forgiveness, and appreciation for one another.

*Scripture: Colossians 3:12–17 — "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts"*

**Prayer anchor:** Thankful hearts help cultivate a loving church.

## Week of November 30 — Living with Thankful Hearts in Every Circumstance

Thanksgiving is a way of life rooted in confidence in God's character.

**1. Pray for a consistently thankful heart.**

Ask God to make gratitude part of our everyday response to His goodness, not merely a holiday expression.

*Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 — "in everything give thanks"*

**Prayer anchor:** Thanksgiving is a continuing response of faith.

**2. Pray for freedom from complaining and discontentment.**

Ask the Lord to expose comparison, unmet expectations, and dissatisfaction, and to teach us contentment in Him.

*Scripture: Philippians 2:14–15; Philippians 4:11–13 — "Do all things without grumbling or disputing"*

**Prayer anchor:** Contentment grows as we trust God's provision.

**3. Pray that gratitude would be a testimony.**

Ask God to make thankfulness visible in our words, attitudes, and relationships so others see Christ's goodness.

*Scripture: Colossians 3:15–17; Matthew 5:16 — "giving thanks through Him to God the Father"*

**Prayer anchor:** A grateful life directs attention to the Lord.

**4. Pray that thanksgiving would overflow as we grow in Christ.**

Ask the Lord to establish us in His truth and make gratitude an increasingly natural expression of our walk with Him.

*Scripture: Colossians 2:6–7; Hebrews 13:15 — "overflowing with gratitude"*

**Prayer anchor:** The more firmly rooted we are in Christ, the more we give thanks.

Scripture quotations are from the New American Standard Bible (NASB 1995). Selected brief excerpts are provided; read the full referenced passages for context.